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Libertarian to speak at anti-Internet censorship rally

First Amendment fans gather in Lafayette Park, Saturday at 12:00 noon

WASHINGTON, DC -- The Libertarian Party will speak out against the new Telecommunications Bill, and the Internet censorship provisions it contains, at a rally outside the White House on Saturday, February 10th.

The party's Director of Communications Bill Winter will be one of the speakers at the protest gathering in Lafayette Park, starting at 12:00 noon.

"We Libertarians are opposed to government censorship in any form -- whether it is high-tech cyber-censorship, or old-fashioned book burning," said Winter. "Censorship is censorship, and we won't tolerate it. Cyberspace deserves the same robust, expansive definition of free speech as any other communications medium."

Other speakers at the rally include Jonah Seiger from the Center for Democracy & Technology and Jonathan Wallace, a plaintiff in the ACLU's lawsuit against the bill.

The Libertarian Party is also participating in a world-wide campaign to turn Web pages black for 48 hours to symbolically protest the new censorship law. The party's Web site [<http://www.lp.org/lp/>] is black, along with the Web page of Harry Browne, one of the candidates seeking the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination.

The Libertarian Party, America's third-largest political party, is a member of an Internet coalition to fight electronic censorship, along with the American Civil Liberties Union, Wired magazine, the Electronic Frontier Foundation, the National Writers Union, and People for the American Way.

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